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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to perpetrate war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people as it continues to launch deadly assaults and raids against civilian areas throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In this regard, it is my deepest regret to inform you that since my last letter to you, the Israeli occupying forces have killed at least 16 Palestinian civilians, including six children, and wounded dozens of others.

Today, Israel, the occupying Power, committed yet another extrajudicial killing in grave breach of international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law. Helicopter gunships fired missiles at a car travelling in the town of Jenin, killing three Palestinian men. In addition, scores of innocent bystanders, including children, were wounded as a result of the assault, several critically.

The criminal act was preceded by the killing of a 10-year-old girl, Ragda Adnan Al-Assar, by Israeli occupying forces on 8 September 2004. Israeli occupying forces shot the young girl while she was sitting in her fourth grade classroom of a clearly marked UNRWA school building in Khan Yunis refugee camp. According to UNRWA, the girl was sitting at her desk in the school when Israeli fire struck her in the head. Medical sources at Nasser Hospital, where she was taken, declared her clinically dead. Following the tragic incident, the UNRWA Commissioner-General said, "The kind of live fire into a refugee camp so indiscriminate that it makes classrooms dangerous for 10-year-old children is totally unacceptable." This is only one of many such horrific incidents where young Palestinian children have been struck by Israeli fire while in classrooms or on playgrounds of UNRWA schools.

In another war crime, which was committed the following day on 9 September 2004, the Israeli occupying forces killed a nine-year-old boy, Munir El-Deqqes, as

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he played with friends outside of his grandfather's house in the Gaza Strip. Munir El-Deqqes was killed when Israeli occupying forces fired from a tank-mounted machine gun towards a group of Palestinians in the area. At least three other Palestinians were also killed by tank fire in that same attack. On the same day, another Palestinian was killed when Israeli occupying forces attacked the Jabaliya refugee camp, firing missiles from helicopter gunships into the camp of over 100,000 inhabitants as Israeli tanks, backed by ground troops, sealed it from the rest of the Gaza Strip. The attack wounded at least 35 Palestinian civilians, including women, children and elderly, many of them seriously. Also on that same day, 15-year-old Mohammed Jad Al-Haq was crushed to death by an Israeli military jeep, which rolled over his body twice. The boy was part of a group of stone-throwing youths that pelted two Israeli military jeeps as they entered the Al-Amaari camp in Ramallah. The Israeli military jeep fled the scene, leaving the young boy to die.

The continuation of such war crimes by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian civilian population should be vigorously condemned by the international community. Israel, the occupying Power, cannot continue to commit these crimes against the Palestinian people under its occupation with impunity. We urge the international community to take the necessary measures to compel Israel to halt its military campaign and to scrupulously abide by international law and international humanitarian law, including in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 199 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. Those letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 7 September 2004 (A/ES-10/279-S/2004/719), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deepest regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 16 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,229 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 14 September 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Wednesday, 8 September 2004 to Monday, 13 September 2004)

Wednesday, 8 September 2004

Ragda Adnan Al-Assar (10 years old)

Thursday, 9 September 2004

1. Amer Mohammed Abdallah Ayedeh
2. Mohammed Abdallah Jad Al-Haq (17 years old)
3. Munir Anwar El-Deqqes (10 years old)
4. Mohammed Moussa Alhaj Ali
5. Sami Thabit
6. Mahmoud Yussef Izzeldine Abu Al-Ezam
7. Mahmoud Mohamed Darabeyah

Friday, 10 September 2004

1. Abdelaziz Abdellatif Al-Ashqar
2. Saleh Tayseer Abu Hiza' (18 years old)
3. Abdallah Hisahm Nasr (17 years old)

Sunday, 12 September 2004

Dahoud Abdallah Abu Jaza (18 years old; died from wounds sustained on 18 November 2003)

Monday, 13 September 2004

1. Riwad Ibrahim Al-Suwerqi (died from wounds sustained on 7 November 2003)
2. Mahmoud Khalifeh
3. Amjad Hosni
4. Yamin Faisal Abdelwahab Kifreen

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,229.

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In flagrant and grave breach of international law, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit war crimes and acts of State terrorism throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory as well as in the region. On Sunday, 26 September 2004, yet another extrajudicial killing was carried out by Israel against a Palestinian man, this time in the territory of a sovereign State, when a car bomb was detonated in the Syrian capital of Damascus, killing Mr. Izzedine Al-Sheikh Khalil, a leader of Hamas, and wounding at least three other people. This act cannot but be deemed a blatant act of State terrorism. While there has been no formal admission of responsibility by Israel for the bombing, the Israeli media and spokesmen have made it very clear that this is a fact, with some actually boasting about Israeli involvement in the attack.

This latest criminal act follows recent, repeated declarations made by Israeli officials, including the Prime Minister himself, of their intention to continue targeting Palestinian leaders. Indeed, the occupying Power has not ceased to carry out extrajudicial killings and military raids and attacks against the Palestinian civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Yesterday's car bombing in Damascus was preceded by the extrajudicial killing of Mr. Khaled Abu Selmiyeh, whose car was hit by helicopter missile fire as he drove on a busy street in Gaza City last week. In addition to killing Mr. Selmiyeh, the attack wounded at least six other Palestinian civilians, two of them critically. Regrettably, this killing is only one of the many committed by the occupying Power against the Palestinian people since my last letter to you (A/ES-10/281-S/2004/729), as reflected in the annexed list of martyrs. Among the many other civilians killed by the Israeli occupying forces during this period was a 19-year-old Palestinian girl, Ibreezah Al-Minyawi, who was shot in the chest as she stood on the roof of her

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home in the city of Nablus, which has been subjected to constant raids and continues to be under siege, as well as a 60-year-old man, Ali Abu Al-Nimer, killed two days ago in Khan Yunis by helicopter missile fire.

At the same time, the occupying Power continues to systematically violate all other human rights of the Palestinian people, including by means of collective punishment. In this regard, Israel continues to impose closure and the severest restrictions on the movement of persons and goods, including humanitarian, throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which continues to gravely impact the already dire humanitarian situation. Moreover, the occupying Power continues its barbaric practice of demolishing Palestinian homes, terrorizing the civilian population, leaving hundreds upon hundreds of families homeless and treading a path of destruction wreaked by its tanks and bulldozers. Just two days ago, on Saturday, 25 September 2004, the Israeli occupying forces raided the refugee camp of Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip, and, using bulldozers, destroyed at least 35 Palestinian homes in the area. According to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, another 60 Palestinian families, numbering approximately 230 people, have now been made homeless. It is imperative to recall that such extensive and wanton destruction of property constitutes, as a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention, a war crime.

Such flagrant violations of international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law, by Israel, the occupying Power, must be firmly condemned by the international community. The impunity with which Israel has been allowed to carry out its illegal policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, has undoubtedly emboldened it to carry out attacks, such as that carried yesterday in Damascus, that inflame tensions and threaten to further destabilize the situation in the region. We urge the international community to unambiguously call for a cessation of Israel's practice of extrajudicial killing as well as a cessation of all of its other violations of international law. It is high time for serious measures to be undertaken to compel Israel to halt its military campaign against the Palestinian people and to scrupulously abide by international law, including in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention, which is applicable to all of the territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including East Jerusalem.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 200 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 14 September 2004 (A/ES-10/281-S/2004/729), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deepest regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 29 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs

killed since September 2000 to 3,258 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 14 September 2004, to Monday, 27 September 2004)

Tuesday, 14 September 2004

1. Maram Mufeed Abdel Aziz Al-Nahleh (11 years old)
2. Abdel Helim Mohammed Said Salem
3. Mulhem Afif Ibrahim Abu Jamileh
4. Nader Ibrahim Rida Al-Aswad
5. Mohammed Ribhi Said Mareai
6. Hani Ahmed Fathi Al-Aqad
7. Fawaz Fakhry Fawaz Zakarneh
8. Fady Fakhry Fawaz Zakarneh
9. Maaz Mohammed Fayez Qateet
10. Ibrahim Atta Abdel Rehim Mahmoud Abu Salheh
11. Fawaz Sasi Mohammed Hassan Al-Bulbul

Friday, 17 September 2004

Ibreezah Durgham Zeeb Al-Minyawi

Sunday, 19 September 2004

1. Rami Abdelkarim Abu Lihyeh
2. Khaled Mohammed Abdelhalim Abu Selmiyeh

Monday, 20 September 2004

1. Salem Abdelqader Abu Shabab
2. Rabah Darwish Zaqoot
3. Nabil Ibrahim Al-Saidi

Wednesday, 22 September 2004

Osama Salah Abedrabbo Al-Araj

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,258.

Thursday, 23 September 2004

Fallah Hassan Naeim Musharqeh (died from wounds sustained on 14 September 2004)

Friday, 24 September 2004

Hossam Fathi Abu Al-Najja (died from wounds sustained on 21 September 2004)

Saturday, 25 September 2004

Ali Abdallah Abu Al-Nimer

Sunday, 26 September 2004

Jihad Nimer Mustafa Abu Hassan

Monday, 27 September 2004

1. Said Mohamed Al-Madhoon
2. Mohamed Tawfiq Abu Askar
3. Hasan Mohammed Zaher
4. Sayel Mustafa Jibareh
5. Ahmed Al-Tayrawi
6. Ammar Daasaan
7. Ali Al-Shaaer

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The Israeli occupying forces have invaded the northern Gaza Strip, committing yet more war crimes and acts of State terrorism against the Palestinian population in the area. According to the Israeli Defence Minister, Israel, the occupying Power, intends to continue with what it is calling a "large scale and prolonged operation" that began yesterday in northern Gaza While the occupying forces have been repeatedly launching military attacks in the area, particularly during recent weeks, the presence and attacks of the occupying forces have intensified, causing a sharp rise in the death toll and extensive destruction in the area. Indeed, during this most recent raid, the Israeli occupying forces have used a large contingent of troops in tanks, armoured vehicles and bulldozers to launch consecutive attacks against the civilian population in Beit Lahiya, Beit Hanoun and the Jabiliya refugee camp.

Thus far, over the past two days, in Gaza alone, the occupying forces have killed at least 33 Palestinians, including several children, and as a result of the excessive and indiscriminate use of force, more than 100 other civilians have been injured, many of them critically. In one instance, it has been reported that an Israeli tank shot at a gathering of Palestinians, instantly killing at least nine people and wounding many more. Widespread damage and destruction has also been caused by the occupying forces, particularly in the densely populated Jabiliya refugee camp, where tanks and bulldozers have been used to destroy homes and buildings and to forcibly widen the narrow street leading into the camp to facilitate the military operations of the occupying Power in this civilian area, an act bitterly reminiscent of the extensive destruction and the massacre committed by the occupying forces in the Jenin refugee camp in April 2002.

These latest developments make it starkly apparent that Israel, the occupying Power, intends to continue with its bloody military attacks and operations against the civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, further fuelling the vicious cycle of violence and ensuring the continued grave deterioration of the situation on the ground. This decline of an already fragile

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and perilous situation makes it imperative for the international community to respond quickly. There must be a firm condemnation of the killings and of the widespread destruction wrought by the Israeli occupying forces and a clear demand for an immediate end to attacks and an immediate withdrawal of the occupying forces.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 201 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 27 September 2004 (A/ES-10/282-S/2004/761), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000, which has now regrettably surpassed its fourth year. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deepest regret to inform you that, in just the past three days since my last letter to you, at least 39 more Palestinians, including several children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,297 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
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Annex to the identical letters dated 30 September 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 28 September 2004, to Thursday, 30 September 2004)

Tuesday, 28 September 2004

1. Salah Ibrahim Bilalo
2. Mohammed Nasser Nafea' Bazoor (18 years old)
3. Ismail Abdelhady Al-Saafeen

Wednesday, 29 September 2004

1. Tawfiq Mohammed Al Sherafi
2. Saned Mohammed Abu Aleish (13 years old)
3. Ahmed Abdelfattah Madi (17 years old)
4. Mohammed Talal Hussein Jabr (16 years old)
5. Mahdi Salah Qasem Abu Khalifeh
6. Rateb Ahmed Qasem Taleb
7. Mohammed Ibrahim Abdallah Al-Bytar
8. Musa'b Mahmoud Al Bara'di
9. Fathi Al Sawareen
10. Khalil Abu Naji

Thursday, 30 September 2004

1. Ra'fat Rafiq Jaballah
2. Sufian Shafiq Abu Jidyan
3. Mohammed Yussef
4. Abdelhaiy Al-Najjar
5. Osama Mohammed Al-Birsh
6. Hazem Hussein Farajallah
7. Mohammed Abdel Kerim Al Ja'beer
8. Abdallah Mohammed Shalheh (15 years old)
9. Hamza Ahmed
10. Atef Jamal Al-Ashqar
11. Mohammed Jameel Al-Ostaz
12. Mohammed Al Masri
13. Yussef Libd
14. Ramzi Tayseer Al-Bahtini
15. Abdallah Abu Odeh (16 years old)
16. Ra'ed Al Omeri (18 years old)
17. Sowaylem Al Mela'yeh (12 years old)
18. A'ed Al Najjar (12 years old)

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,297.

19. Ramy Abu Namoos
20. Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Haseereh
21. Hamdy Asa'd Ahmed
22. Araffat Kamal Yassin
23. Yehia Hamad
24. Mahmoud Mohammed Abu Jidyan
25. Tamer Abdel Aziz Abu Shukyan (14 years old)

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It is my profound regret to inform you that Israel, the occupying Power, has continued to escalate its reckless and inhumane campaign of military warfare against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory in grave violation of the most fundamental rules and principles of international law, including international humanitarian law and human rights law. War crimes and acts of State terrorism continue to be committed daily by the occupying Power against the civilian population under its occupation.

The Israeli occupying forces, now numbering at least 2,000 troops, continue to carry out deadly raids and attacks in the northern Gaza Strip area, in particular in the densely populated areas of the Jabaliya refugee camp and Beit Hanoun. Using all means of military weaponry, including the prohibited ammunition of fleschettes, the occupying forces are terrorizing the civilian population and endangering the lives of thousands of people, including helpless and defenceless women, children and elderly persons. In the period of just three days since my last letter to you, the occupying forces have killed dozens more Palestinians, including a young boy killed in front of his home and a deaf mute killed while standing on his balcony. The bloodshed and vast destruction of rows of homes, roads and properties, including a kindergarten, inflicted by the occupying forces in this already devastated area has caused widespread suffering, panic and fear among the population and is severely exacerbating the dire humanitarian crisis as thousands are now without water and electricity and with little or no access to medicine and food supplies.

It is starkly evident that it is the intention of Israel, the occupying Power, to cause as much destruction, both civilian and material, as possible in the area through its deliberate use of excessive, indiscriminate and completely disproportionate force against the occupied population. Indeed, in both word and action, the occupying Power has indicated that these massive raids are part of a long-term, full-scale military operation, which, according to the Israeli Prime Minister himself, Israel

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intends to escalate. This most recent aggression is clearly aimed at the collective punishment of the Palestinian population and at the establishment of a "buffer zone" for the occupying Power in an area in which more than 100,000 Palestinian inhabitants are cramped into an area of approximately half a square mile, in impoverished conditions under a brutal occupation.

The international community must take action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its military attacks and to scrupulously abide by international law, particularly the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Lack of firm action by the international community will only allow Israel to carry on with impunity its illegal policies and practices against the Palestinian civilian population, leading to ever more death, injury and loss for the Palestinian people, further fomenting the vicious cycle of violence and further destabilizing this dangerous situation. The international community must act collectively to uphold the rule of law to bring an end to such grave breaches. We thus call upon the Security Council of the United Nations, in upholding its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, to immediately consider this crisis situation and to take the necessary measures in this regard.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 203 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 1 October 2004 (A/ES-10/285-S/2004/790), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 30 more Palestinians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,343. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Friday, 1 October 2004, to Monday, 4 October 2004)

Friday, 1 October 2004

1. Ibrahim Abu Qomsan
2. Tamer Mahmoud Al-Draimi

Saturday, 2 October 2004

1. Imad Mohammed Ahmed Al-Mansi
2. Mohammed Musa Al-Shami
3. Yasser Mustafa Dahlan
4. Abdelmunem Mohammed Atwa Al-Hashash
5. Fathi Abdelrahman 'Afana
6. Eid Mohammed 'Afana
7. Ibrahim Hassan Hamdan
8. Wahid Talal Abdelrahman
9. Yasser Mohammed Salman 'Ighbeit
10. Mohammed Jamal Mushtaha
11. Khalid Ramadan Al-Sreiti
12. Mahmoud Thurwat Abdelqader Abu-Tuyoor (13 years old)

Sunday, 3 October 2004

1. Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Sharafi
2. Roula Akram Qudas
3. Musbah Hussein Al-Rantisi
4. Raed Salman Abu Wadi
5. Fadi Al-Za'neen
6. Maher Jamil Zukout
7. Saber Ibrahim 'Assaliya (14 years old)
8. Mohammed Diab Al-Najjar (13 years old)
9. Nidal Muhsein Al-Madhoon (14 years old)

Monday, 4 October 2004

1. Ismail Ibrahim Qahman
2. Mohammed Sabri Al-Baba
3. Faris Omar Al-Habel
4. Romel Mohammed Al-Brawi
5. Mohammed Musa Al-Hissi
6. Ramzi Shideh Hasaballah
7. Lamia'h Kassim Abdelghani Kleib (7 years old)

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,343.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to intensify its bloody and brutal military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The Palestinian death toll continues to climb as does the number of civilians wounded as a result of the excessive and indiscriminate use of force by the occupying Power. The slaughter yesterday by the Israeli occupying forces of 33 Palestinians, including nine children, ages 11 to 18 years, has been followed today by continued military attacks and the killing of at least eight more Palestinian civilians and the wounding of more than 17 others in the Jabiliya refugee camp.

The grim prospect of even more death, wanton destruction and terror being wrought by the Israeli occupying forces upon the Palestinian civilian population in the northern Gaza Strip area continues to rise as the occupying Power continues to amass its troops and heavy military weaponry, including about 100 tanks, armoured carriers and bulldozers along the north and east borders of Gaza. In fact, it has been reported that the Israeli government's security cabinet has decided to launch a large-scale military operation, which they are ominously calling "Days of Penitence", against the area. This planned escalation of military attacks and violence by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people can only lead to even more disastrous consequences for the civilian population and to greater instability in the area and should be of grave concern for the international community.

The international community must speak in one firm and unambiguous voice to condemn such military attacks and excessive and indiscriminate use of force by Israel, the occupying Power, against the defenceless Palestinian people. The current situation is explosive and untenable and can only lead to a severe exacerbation of this crisis. A clear demand must be made by the international community for the immediate cessation of attacks against the civilian population and the withdrawal of the Israeli occupying forces from the area in order to stem the continued escalation of violence and deterioration of the grave situation on the ground.

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The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 202 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 30 September 2004 (A/ES-10/283-S/2004/776), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deepest regret to inform you that, since my letter to you yesterday, at least 16 more Palestinians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,313 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Thursday, 30 September 2004, to Friday, 1 October 2004)

Thursday, 30 September 2004

1. Sultan Saeed Al-Beeshawy (11 years old)
2. Mohammed Ra'fat Al-Reefi (16 years old)
3. Mu'taz Abdelmalek Al-Toluli (15 years old)
4. Jihad Mahmoud Abdelghani Abu Al-Jabeen
5. Mustafa Khalil Himsh
6. Atef Sabah
7. Musa'b Mohamed Qerejeh Jouma'h
8. Hossam Omar Ghibn

Friday, 1 October 2004

1. Ibrahim Ali Eiseleh (died from wounds sustained on 30 September 2004)
2. Nidal Omar Matar
3. Waseem Mustafa Niteil (18 years old)
4. Shady Safi
5. Adnan Ahmed Al Bure'ai
6. Hani Mushtahi
7. Ra'ed Al Haj Ahmed
8. Mohamed Rafiq Kamal Salem

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,313.